



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

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Hoosiers by
Planning,
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Responding*

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U.S. DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff Visits Indiana

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff made his first visit to Indiana earlier this month to tour the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC), which has now moved into its new, permanent workspace in the Indiana Government Center.

"The equivalent of radar for the 21st century is intelligence, which means information," Chertoff said. "And to make that radar work, you need the ability to fuse all the strands of information so that it can be analyzed and the appropriate response can be undertaken."

The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center was established earlier this year through legislation and an Executive Order. The purpose of the IIFC is to collect, integrate, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information and intelligence. In doing so, the Center supports local, state and



Above: U.S. DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff addresses the media after his tour of the new Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center workspace.

federal agencies in detecting, preventing and responding to criminal and terrorist activity.

"We are working to make all Hoosiers safer and more secure

through the combined efforts of law enforcement and intelligence officials," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who serves

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From the Desk of Director Dietz

The end of any year provides an opportunity to reflect back on the challenges and accomplishments of the past 12 months. As I look back on 2006, I am reminded once again of the many dedicated and talented people that make up the various components of Indiana's emergency response sector.

If I could pick one word that best described our activities in 2006, that word would be "teamwork." IDHS began the year by unveiling a new Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security. This planning document highlights the various goals that make up an effective response to any event.

By design, the first goal listed is "teamwork."

IDHS then took part in several initiatives during the course of the year to enhance that spirit of teamwork. We have strengthened our relationship with many of our key partners at other state agencies, as well as our local and federal partners, to ensure that Indiana is as prepared as possible to execute a coordinated and effective response to any event.

Not surprisingly, Indiana was not immune from its

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Indiana Conducts Statewide Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise

State and local officials from across Indiana took another step to improve Indiana's preparedness for a possible influenza pandemic by participating in a statewide pandemic influenza tabletop exercise on October 21.

"The purpose of a tabletop exercise is to evaluate plans and identify any issues that need to be addressed," said Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director Eric Dietz. "The open discussion can also play a valuable role in developing and enhancing working relationships among agencies and individuals that will need to work together

during an actual response."

Participants gathered at 11 Indiana National Guard facilities throughout the state. The use of videoconferencing technology at these facilities allowed local officials from across the state to participate without having to travel too far. This technology could also prove to be a valuable resource during a pandemic, since a pandemic could prompt limitations on large gatherings.

"We must continue to prepare for this possible health threat," said State Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe, M.D. "Since it is not possible to predict

when a pandemic will occur or how severe it will be, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in making sure that the state is doing all it can to respond effectively when it does happen."

This exercise marked the latest effort by Indiana officials to make sure the state is as prepared as possible to respond to a future influenza pandemic. Recent months have seen the development of various plans at both the state and local levels. Also, the Pandemic Influenza State Summit in March brought together officials from the public and private sectors to discuss steps that could be taken to minimize the impact of any future pandemic.

Liberty Shield and Courthouse Initiatives Near Completion

The Liberty Shield and Courthouse Initiatives are drawing to a close. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 and 2004 funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security were made available to improve security at several critical infrastructure facilities and courthouses throughout Indiana. Funds were granted to enhance the abilities of local and county law enforcement agencies to protect the sites.

Strategies that were funded to enhance security included improvements in camera surveillance, access control, baggage scanners and metal detectors, and a few instances of improving doors and window alarms and the installation of barricades.

Each strategy was formulated to ease the burden on those charged with securing the sites. For instance, cameras allow more complete or continuous surveillance of activity in several areas of interest at one time. Also,

sparse personnel resources can benefit from access controls which reduce the amount of attention required in areas of interest by limiting the amount of activity in those areas.

The selection of sites for Liberty Shield funding was done in partnership with federal, state and local agencies. The establishment of the Courthouse Initiative was done in partnership with the Division of Courts Administration of the Indiana Supreme Court.

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as chair of the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council (CTASC). "This Fusion Center allows us the ability to respond efficiently and effectively to a security threat anywhere on our home soil."

The IIFC operates as a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). It receives guidance and oversight from an

Executive Committee which includes representatives of local, state and federal government.

"The IIFC is a prime example of the teamwork required to effectively battle threats of terrorism and other criminal activity," said IDHS Executive Director Eric Dietz. "The Fusion Center will be a fresh opportunity to unify law enforcement activities in Indiana to improve public safety. This col-

laborative approach to intelligence analysis supports local law enforcement and can help prevent and solve crimes using information that we have always had available."

The creation of the IIFC also establishes a single point of contact in the state for citizens to report suspicious terrorist and criminal activity. Citizens can contact the IIFC by phone at 866-400-4432 or by e-mail at iifc@iifc.in.gov.



Nov./Dec. EMA Spotlight...

MARSHALL COUNTY

Clyde Avery is the Director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Agency. Clyde's background is in law enforcement, having served 22 years with the Plymouth Police Department, holding every rank including Chief. Clyde's goals as EMA Director include:

- Organizing the EMA
- Encouraging the active involvement of elected officials and department heads in emergency management activities.
- Educating the public
- Making Marshall County a better, safer community.
- Purchase mobile data terminals to provide another layer of communications capabilities.
- Purchase self-contained breathing apparatus for local volunteer fire departments
- Purchase resource-tracking software system for Homeland Security District 2.
- Purchase security systems to protect vulnerable infrastructures in the community.

Marshall County EMA Progress:

Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:

- Implement the initial phase of providing 800 mhz radios for all emergency responders in the county.
- Purchase identification system for personnel accountability.



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Karen Wilson is the Director of the Jasper County Emergency Management Agency. Prior to accepting this position in December of 2005, Karen served in other roles in Jasper County government. Karen is a graduate of Purdue University and is working toward completion of the PEM Program requirements in 2007. She feels these courses strengthen her abilities to perform her job and also feels the course provide a networking opportunity with other Directors.

Jasper County EMA Progress:

Utilized Homeland Security Grant funds to:

- Purchase countywide 800 mhz radio system.
- Purchase NOAA weather radios for all county, city and town offices.
- Purchase outdoor warning siren for the town of Demotte.

Wrote Jasper County disaster plans and Continuity of Government plans for the government offices and annexes.

Updated Jasper County ESF/CEMP's with input from other county and town offices.

Working with IDHS & KIRPC to develop Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Organized amateur radio group to be utilized throughout the county and with the National Weather Service. Also organized a severe weather/storm spotter class conducted by the National Weather Service.

Received County Council approval to cost-share with the towns throughout the county in funding six outdoor warning sirens. Received a \$10,000 commitment from the Jasper County REMC toward completion of this project.

Working toward completion of Hazmat training and Awareness and Operations.



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IDHS Makes Significant Contribution to SECC Campaign

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has raised a total of \$9,507.36 for this year's State Employee Community Campaign (SECC).

Two IDHS employees earned special recognition by making it to the Torchbearer's Society on the level of "Torch Lighter." A Torch Lighter is someone that has committed to give between \$1,000 and \$1,499. IDHS Torch Lighters include:

- Ed Prosser
- Calvin Stucker

Also, IDHS has seven Champion Givers this year. A Champion Giver is an employee that commits to give at least one half-hour of pay out of each check.

IDHS Champion Givers include:

- Sherrie Crain
- Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer
- Marti Jones
- Alonzo (Lonnie) Lagle
- Anthony Pagano
- Donna Saine
- Anonymous giver

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's campaign!



Left: During the holiday season, Ed Prosser also doubles as Santa Claus.

Ed put on his Kris Kringle outfit following the IDHS Town Hall Meeting on December 20 and posed next to the Christmas tree in the main IDHS lobby area.

For those who are wondering...Yes, the beard is real!!

IDHS Employees Honored with Spot Bonuses

IDHS Executive Director Dietz awarded spot bonuses for exemplary work to IDHS employees during the December 20, 2006 IDHS Town Hall Meeting. Each employee's Division Director nominated them for consideration for the state's "Agency Head Spot Bonus" program.

The recipients (pictured at right) are as follows:

- David Barrabee
- Joe Bell
- Kathy Compton
- Joanna Cornwell
- Cecilia Ernestes-Boxell
- Dave Francoer
- Richard Garza
- Gerald Kelley
- Marilyn Love
- Cheryl Morris

- Spencer Phelps
- Lori Robison
- Donna Saine
- Jim Schneider

- Richard Scott
- Mary Steinhilber
- Nancy Stevens
- Robin Stump

- Brad Thatcher
- Sy Walden-James
- Ken Woodall

Congratulations to all!



IDHS Helps Provide Assistance to Flood Victims

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Response Division continues to work to help provide assistance to Hoosiers that were affected by severe flooding that occurred in parts of the state in September.

The torrential rains and subsequent flooding prompted a Presidential Disaster Declaration on October 6 for Lake and Vanderburgh Counties and eventually Warrick County.

Since that time, IDHS personnel have been working with staff from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide assistance to eligible homeowners and

businesses that have applied.

Assistance was available from two sources. FEMA provided Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance, while the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offered low-interest loans to eligible homeowners and businesses.

So far, FEMA has handled more than 6,000 applications and has provided well over \$11 million in Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance.

Meanwhile, the SBA has approved more than 300 applications and has awarded disaster loans to homes and businesses

totaling more than \$7 million.

Because this event affected both the Northwest and Southwest corners of the state, FEMA established a centralized Joint Field Office in Indianapolis to coordinate the various relief and assistance activities. This office included staff from IDHS.

Also, several Disaster Recovery Centers were established in the affected counties. These centers allowed affected residents to meet face-to-face with an assistance specialist and get answers to their questions about the application process. Toll-free numbers and Web-based

resources were also provided to help affected people get the answers to their questions.

As the flow of citizens seeking help slowed, the Disaster Recovery Centers closed by late October and early November, and the Joint Field Office was able to close by mid-November.

However, the work to provide needed assistance to eligible applicants is continuing, and the total numbers of Hoosiers helped and dollars distributed will increase even more before the books are closed on this disaster.

IAFC and USFA Develop Model Policy and Procedures Guide for Emergency Vehicle Safety

The Department of Homeland Security's United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) recently announced the release of a Guide to Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety. This innovative, Web-based educational program is aimed to reduce the impact of vehicle related incidents on the fire service and the communities they protect. This guide provides in-depth information for developing policies and procedures required to support the safe and effective operation of all fire and emergency vehicles, as well as privately-owned vehicles which are the leading cause of volunteer firefighter on-duty fatalities responding and returning to emergencies.

"Vehicle crashes remain the second leading cause of on-duty firefighter deaths," said

Administrator. "We are proud to work with the IAFC to develop information for fire service leadership to enhance the safety of the fire service. Vehicle accidents terminate the mission of all firefighters to arrive first, and then assist individuals needing emergency help. A firefighter that does not get to the scene safely, helps no one."

This program is a result of one of the partnerships with several leading fire service membership organizations as a follow on to the Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative, a USFA project developed to reduce the number of firefighters killed while responding to or returning from the emergency scene.

"The IAFC understands the challenges faced by fire departments with respect to emergency vehicle safety" stated IAFC President James

B. Harmes. "We hope that you find the tools and resources provided in this comprehensive guide developed in partnership with the USFA to improve the safety, health, and survival of firefighters and the citizens they serve."

Further information about this program, as well as other USFA efforts in emergency vehicle safety, may be found on the USFA Web site at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/research/safety/vehicle.shtm>. It may also be accessed from the IAFC Web site at: <http://www.iafc.org>.

Source: USFA Press Release



Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Awards Initial Scholarships

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation has awarded its first round of college scholarships to 12 Indiana college students for the upcoming academic semester.

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship program was created earlier this year to recognize and to encourage volunteers for public safety organizations across the state. Various organizations such as fire departments, EMS providers, police departments, emergency management agencies, and Citizen Corps utilize volunteers to carry out their missions for safeguarding Hoosiers.

To be eligible for a scholarship, all applicants had to be currently enrolled in an Indiana college, maintain at least a 2.8 GPA, and be volunteering for an Indiana public safety organization. Full-time students were awarded a \$2,000 scholarship and part-time students were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

- Christopher Anderson - Gentryville. Christopher attends Vincennes University and volunteers

for Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

- Dirk DeLor - Crown Point. Dirk attends Purdue University and volunteers for Crown Point Fire Rescue.
- Dustin Goobey - Valparaiso. Dustin attends Ivy Tech-Valparaiso and volunteers for Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- Cory Hall - Pendleton. Cory attends Butler University and volunteers for Pendleton Fire Department.
- Brady Helms - Boonville. Brady attends Vincennes University and volunteers for the Evansville-Vanderburgh Emergency Management Agency.
- Stewart Knoop - Indianapolis. Stewart attends Vincennes University and volunteers for Knox County Emergency Management Agency.
- Jared Lencke - Leo. Jared attends Ivy Tech-Fort Wayne and volunteers for St. Joseph Township Fire Department.

- Khristopher Morris - Indianapolis. Khristopher attends Vincennes University and volunteers for the Indianapolis Police Department.

- Tyler Scott - Shelbyville. Tyler attends IUPUI and volunteers for Marietta Volunteer Fire Department.

- Amy Lynn Seymour - Indianapolis. Amy attends IUPUI and volunteers for Marion County Emergency Management Agency.

- Sean Stansifer - Bloomington. Sean attends Ivy Tech-Bloomington and volunteers for Van Buren Township Fire Department.

- Connie Swingley - Selma. Connie attends IUPUI and volunteers for Albany EMS.

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation granted funds to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to administer the scholarship program. All of the scholarships were funded through sales of the Hoosier Safety License Plate.

More information about this scholarship and applications can be found on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Web site at www.in.gov/dhs/foundation.

New Look for Hoosier Safety License Plate

The Hoosier Safety License Plate will have a slightly new look beginning in 2007.

The new plate will still feature a red cardinal, but will now read "Secure Indiana" in red letters at the bottom to align with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's mission and the public safety sector's new focus on homeland security matters.



IDHS Model District Planning Council Initiative

Moving Forward

The IDHS Planning Division currently is in the final process of reviewing proposals for a vendor that will be responsible for developing a model district planning council (DPC) for Indiana Homeland Security District 3. The selected vendor will be responsible for working with local officials in this district to establish a District Planning Oversight Committee (DPOC), and recruiting members for the DPC.

Once the DPOC and DPC are established, the vendor will work closely with the DPOC and DPC members to develop and coordinate:

- An initial kick off meeting;

- Monthly meetings for duration of the contract;
- The establishment of a district legal and fiscal agent;
- Requirements and qualifications for an interim DPC administrator;
- The Selection of DPOC and DPC chairperson and vice chairpersons.

Included in the contract, the vendor will also work with the DPOC and DPC members to develop templates that will be used to develop district mutual aid agreements,

agreements, district press releases and crisis communications plans, and a district exercise and training plan.

When this contract is completed, any templates, structure for membership, interim administrator, meeting information will be shared with the remaining 9 Homeland Security Districts for their review and adoption within their respective districts.

The requirements and qualifications that will be developed in this contract for an interim DPC administrator could also be adopted, and used to fill this position with grant money that will be provided to the districts in the spring of 2007.

“Vial of Life” Distribution Project Gains Momentum

A distribution effort designed to get medical information storage kits into the homes of older adults and persons with disabilities is growing.

The educational arm of the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAAAA) is spearheading the “Vial of Life” distribution effort.

IAAAA Education Institute reports that more than 2000 “Vial of Life” kits were distributed at the Indiana State Fair during Senior Day on August 17, 2006.

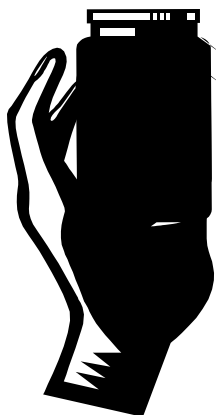
“Vial of Life” kits contain:

- A Medical Information Form
- A vial with a bright sticker on front to store the form and any advance directives the individual may have. (Note: The vial should be stored on the top shelf in the door of the refrigerator.)
- A magnet for the outside of the refrigerator in the upper corner to signal the presence of medical information inside.

The kit enables emergency responders, such as firefighters, paramedics and police, in the local communities to quickly locate helpful medical history information. It also includes important information about Medicare Rx and who to call to report suspected Medicare/Medicaid fraud, waste, or abuse. The hope is that the individuals will use the kit as instructed and it will assist with the prompt delivery of emergency services.

The Vial of Life is a collaboration of the IAAA Education Institute’s Senior ESP Program, Access to Benefits Coalition and Hoosier Rx.

For more information about the Vial of Life, contact Barbara Burcham with IAAA, at 317 598-9300, ext. 207 or email bburcham@iaaaa.org.



Ambulance Service Adds Bicycles to Fleet

A Central Indiana Ambulance Service is now utilizing a new method of providing Emergency Medical Services to special events.

Seals Ambulance Service has created S.A.B.E.R., which stands for:

Seals Ambulance Bicycle Emergency Response

The SABER team is made up of EMS professionals that have many years of Emergency Service work and experience. They ride mountain bikes that are unlike anything most people have seen. Equipment carried on the bikes can provide emergency medical service ranging from a scratched knee to a full cardiac arrest.

Mountain bikes have proven effective in a number of different environments. They are swift and agile in busy urban areas where traffic snarls and crowds can delay motorized units.

Bikes are also effective in less urban areas for park patrol, parking lots, campus areas, residential patrol, business security, athletic or civic events, and specialized details. They can be operated on streets, sidewalks, alleys, trails, and in any areas that are difficult to access with motor vehicles.

SABER Bikes are the next generation of providing high performance Emergency Medical Services. The bikes can also be used in search and rescue support. The bikes are extremely well suited for quick responses in a crowded area and hazardous terrain.

The equipment carried on the bikes, are top of the line and can manage patient care for up to 15 minutes, until other help arrives.

The SABER team is also well suited to assist other agencies in mass casualty incidents. In fact, the team is currently going through extensive training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

SABER has created a two-day program to educate companies and help them establish their own bicycle emergency response programs. In this training, SABER can demonstrate the logistics of a bicycle program as well as train employees on safe operations during special events and in crowded locations.

SABER can provide both Advanced Life Support bikes and Basic Life Support bikes. The bikes carry enough equipment to manage any type of emergency and stabilize the patient until transporting units can arrive to transport the patient to the hospital emergency room. SABER can also provide transporting units for the bikes.

For more information on the SABER program, call Mark Marvel at 317-417-0129.



From the Desk of Director Dietz *cont'd from pg. 1*

share of weather-related disasters and emergencies in 2006. Several spring storms caused significant damage in many parts of the state and prompted disaster declarations from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

September then brought torrential rains and severe flooding, especially in the Northwest and Southwest corners of our state. That flooding prompted a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Lake, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties.

It is worth noting that the teamwork demonstrated in the wake of the September floods made it possible to gather the information necessary to receive the federal assistance. On their own, the events in Northwest or Southwest Indiana would not have been enough to meet the threshold for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. However, with the help of data from the National Weather Service, which showed that the same weather system caused both events, we were able to compile and submit the damage assessments from both regions collectively, which allowed us to successfully make the case for federal aid. This ultimately resulted in more than \$19 million in grants and loans for more than 6,400 affected individuals and businesses. We certainly could not have done this without the hard work and cooperation of our local partners.

Another primary example of teamwork is the effort by many agencies to make sure the state is prepared to respond to an influenza pandemic. Working with several partners, especially from the public health sector, we engaged in a number of activities this year to improve the state's readiness for this threat. This included the Pandemic Influenza State Summit at Purdue University in March.

IDHS followed that summit by creating a state Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and by working with our local partners to make sure all 92 counties developed their own local plans. We also put these plans to the test by conducting a statewide pandemic influenza tabletop exercise in October.

We know that "all disasters are local," so we depend on our local partners to have the right personnel and capability to respond effectively and manage emergencies well with their own planning, training and exercise efforts while we offer assistance and reinforcement support. Our intention is to assist efforts to develop and promote local relationships among first responders in all ten of Indiana's Homeland Security Districts. I am happy to see that many districts are now meeting and exercising together on a regular basis. This is very important to all of our communities because it creates the ability to provide a cost-effective method for improving response times and backup support during future disasters.

IDHS also made significant progress this year in the development of a new State of Indiana Firefighter Training System, which will provide a much-needed standardization to firefighter training in Indiana and will also make it easier for many firefighters to obtain the training they need.

I am proud of the tremendous progress we all have made in 2006. But I also know that our mission has just begun. I look forward to more progress in 2007 as we all work together to do all we can to make Indiana more secure.



State Response Plan Update

The State Response Plan (SRP) is on target to be ready in early 2007. The 175 page document will be arranged in three segments.

- **Basic Plan:** Discusses all appropriate emergency management policies and procedures, plus the overall State concept of response.
- **Operations Plans:** Presents five model plans that spell out the State's response to the five "most likely" National Planning Scenarios.

- **15 State Emergency Support Functions:** These ESFs correspond to each of the Federal ones, which provide the concept of State Agency support during incident management.

This SRP is designed to be a readable, easy to use resource, emphasizing response while also paralleling the National Response Plan (NRP). It clearly discusses the best practices and procedures for handling emergency management under the Incident Command System, to save lives and property and protect Indiana's economy and environment.

It also will serve as a reference, providing guidance on how to obtain support and assistance from State agencies in response to natural or manmade emergencies, disasters, or acts of terrorism.

For more information on the State Response Plan, contact Bill Foley with the IDHS Planning Division at 317-234-4467 or via e-mail at bfoley@dhs.in.gov.

Mark Your Calendar!

January 3

Counter Terrorism and Security Council Meeting
10:30am (EST)
Indiana Government Center—South
Conference Room C

January 8

Indiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting
1:00pm (EST)
Indiana Government Center—South
Conference Room 18

January 19

Emergency Medical Services Commission Meeting
10:00am (EST)
INDOT Traffic Management Office
8500 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis

February 7

Counter Terrorism and Security Council Meeting
10:30am (EST)
Indiana Government Center—South
Conference Room C

February 7

Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center Meeting
1:15pm (EST)
Indiana Government Center—South
Conference Room C



Check out IDHS Division of Training's calendar for all training opportunities at:

www.in.gov/dhs/training

Please welcome to IDHS...

Manetric Douglas, Clerical Assistant,
IDHS Division of Fire & Building
Safety

Robin Pickard, Secretary, IDHS Division of Fire & Building Safety

Avis Ward, Accountant, IDHS Support
Services Division

Chad Mason, Elevator/Amusement
Inspector, IDHS Division of Fire &
Building Safety

Matt Wells, Code Official, IDHS Division of Fire & Building Safety

Donald West, Communication Director,
IDHS Emergency Response Division



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